

House Resolution 1703

By: Representatives Trammell of the 132nd, Smith of the 70th, Ramsey of the 72nd, and Stover of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Dr. Joel E. Richardson on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Joel E. Richardson has served as the Pastor of Central Baptist Church in
4 Newnan since 1984; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his
7 involvement in Baptist Denominational Activities, including as a member of the
8 Coordinating Council of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, National Coordinating
9 Council of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Founding Board of Visitors of Mercer's
10 McAfee School of Theology; and

11 WHEREAS, his ministry and pastoral care have touched the lives of countless members of
12 his church, of Newnan, of Coweta County, and of West Georgia, and he has led and served
13 on mission trips to numerous locations, including New York, Cuba, Honduras, Belize,
14 Louisiana, and the Holy Land; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Richardson is deeply involved with civic organizations in the community,
16 such as the Newnan Boys and Girls Club, Good Samaritan Transition House Men's Shelter,
17 United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Board of Communities in Schools, and Newnan Rotary
18 Club; and

19 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his beautiful wife of 45 years, Ingrid, and
20 is blessed with two remarkable children, Jessica and Benjamin, and three outstanding
21 grandchildren, Clyde, Wyatt, and Finley; and

22 WHEREAS, as a retiree, he hopes to spend more time golfing, fishing, and hunting; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize Dr. Joel E. Richardson for his achievements,
27 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend to him their most
28 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
31 Joel E. Richardson.